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1. DEPT CONCURS WITH GENEVA'S ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED POSITION ON THE G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE PURPOSE OF THE NORDIC PROPOSAL WAS TO ACHIEVE COORDINATION REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF SCARCE U.N. RESOURCES TO VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS. SUCH COORDINATION IS DESIGNED TO GO BEYOND UNCTAD'S ROLE AND WOULD DRAW THE LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE U.N. FAMILY. FOR THIS REASON, THE SYG IS THE APPROPRIATE IF NOT THE ONLY LEVEL AT WHICH TO AFFECT THE DESIRED COORDINATION.

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2. G-77 RESOLUTION IS OBJECTIONABLE ON TWO COUNTS: FIRST,

IT PLACES ALL THE CHIPS IN THE UNCTAD BASKET, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY THE BEST WAY OF ACHIEVING SHARED TECHNOLOGY OBJECTIVES. SECOND, THE RESOLUTION IS LARGELY REPETITIVE OF A CAREFULLY CONCEIVED RESULT OBTAINED IN NAIROBI. THE G-77 RESOLUTION IN ADDITION TO ITS OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES WOULD SIMPLY ADD NOTHING TO THE CAUSE.

3. USDEL SHOULD JOIN WITH OTHER WEO'S IN FIRMLY OPPOSING THE G-77 RESOLUTION UNLESS SOMETHING VERY CLOSE TO THE NORDIC PROPOSAL IS ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE NO RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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